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5600 Fishers Lane
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Dear Ms. Henney,

I'm writing in regards to information I received from the Center for Science in the Public Interest, CSPI. It was brought to my attention that the FDA is currently being pressured by Frito-Lay and Procter and Gamble to eliminate warning labels on food products containing olestra.

I wanted to relay the problems my family encountered when consuming olestra in a bag of chips. I experienced mild abdominal cramping and diarrhea which was a nuisance but manageable. However, my seven year old daughter experienced such severe symptoms during the night that I had to watch her closely to make sure it wasn't something more serious like appendicitis! I was certainly displeased with the reaction my family had with the consumption of olestra and will definitely avoid in the future it at all costs.

I urge you not to give in to the pressure of big industry and do what's morally right: keep the warning labels on the packages in a prominent place to give the consumer full knowledge of the contents and possible outcomes of consuming a product containing olestra.

Respectfully,



Janet Wallinger

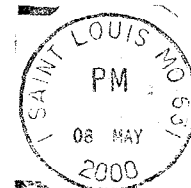
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